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Weapons team in top four at Loadeo '82

BUCKLEY ANG BASE, COLO -- A three-man munitions team from the 192d Tactical Fighter Group in Richmond, VA, has placed fourth among 13 units in the Air National Guard's first A-7 weapons-loading competition, "Loadeo '82".

The competition, featuring load crews and aircraft from 13 of 15 A-7 units in the Air Guard, was held in mid-August at Buckley ANG Base, Colo. Ohio's 121st Tactical Fighter Wing from Rickenbacker ANG Base racked up 2,448 points to win the inaugural event.

The host team, Colorado's 140TFW, took second place with a score of

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Inspector rates Virginia Air National Guard weapons team at "Loadeo '82".

Togetherness

Guardsmen find weekend drills a 'family affair'



George Taylor followed his wife into the Virginia Air National Guard.

By SSG ED KELLENER

SSG's George and Jacqueline Taylor get a paid weekend vacation working together once a month. TSG Ben Gardner spends all week with his prize recruit. And people often confuse TSG Robert W. Price with another guardsman in the same work section.

The Virginia Air National Guard, it seems, has become a family affair for several of its 1,000-plus Guardsmen. The numerous close relationships in the 192d Tactical Fighter Group result in travel and lodging advantages to couples and to the unit. They also result in some occasional confusion.

George Taylor, a 35-year-old electrician in civil engineering, joined the VaANG in December 1980, about a year after his wife, Jacqueline, transferred here from a Pennsylvania Guard unit.

An informal poll showed that the Taylors are among nine husband-wife combinations in the Virginia Air Guard. Six father-son combos and

at least seven pairs of brothers also attest to the "relative" nature of relationships here.

"We live in a rural area so coming to the city is a break for us," said Jacqueline, who works as an administrative specialist in CAMRON. "At least you get out of doing the housework."

On drill weekends, the Taylors drive to Byrd International Airport from their home in Montross in Westmoreland County. Instead of eating lunch in the dining hall, they return to the motel and share lunch there. At night, they dine together again and go to the movies.

Taylor's full-time job is as an electrician in Montross. His wife works as a customer contact for Virginia Electric and Power Company in Warsaw. For the first year after they were married in July 1979, she spent at least one weekend a month separated from him. She also spent two weeks away from him at summer camp. Then he decided to

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EDITORIAL



Calamities show need for fire safety

This year commemorates the 60th anniversary of the first Fire Prevention Week. Over the years, Fire Prevention Week has reminded people of the importance of fire safety, particularly through the experiences of famous fires such as the "Chicago Fire," Oct 7-9, 1871. The Chicago fire claimed 250 lives and destroyed more than 2,150 acres of the city. At the same time, another fire devastated the small lumber town of Peshtigo, Wis. and within 24 hours claimed 800 lives. These two fires accounted for the largest loss-of-life in American fire history. What was learned, however, was that fire prevention must be practiced. In 1911, the first Fire Prevention Day was initiated by the Fire Marshal's Association of North America, and officially declared by President Woodrow Wilson in 1920. President Warren Harding proclaimed the first Prevention Week in 1922. In Canada and the United States, Fire Prevention Week is always observed during the week in which October 9 falls. This year, Fire Prevention Week is October 3-9.

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Enlisted Advisory Panel weighs suggestions

By TSG PATTI STANLEY

I learned of this panel a few years ago from Chief Buttner, our Senior Enlisted Advisor. He had just attended a panel meeting at ARPC in Denver, Colorado as a guest, and was very enthusiastic about what took place there. He, in turn, got me enthusiastic about it, and I sent in several recommendations, a few of which have since then been adopted, and others that are still being looked at by higher headquarters. The resident coordinator for the panel called me on one of my recommendations, and by the end of our conversation, had convinced me that I should try to get on the panel. Our commander sent a letter recommending me, to the Air National Guard Senior Enlisted Advisor who selected me for this assignment.

I attended my first panel meeting on 30-31 August of this year. The other members of the panel and the

many distinguished guests were the most dynamic, well informed group that I have ever had the pleasure of meeting. The meeting was extremely productive.

Believe me, your suggestions are well received and taken seriously. Most of the changes that take place in the areas of policy and programs affecting your future originate from your suggestions, and this panel provides you with a vehicle for expressing your views and concerns. In addition, once you send in a suggestion, you are kept informed as to its status, and are sent forms for additional suggestions.

If you wish to know more about this panel, and how to submit your suggestions, please feel free to stop by my office or call me. On drill weekend I can be reached at extension 303, and during the month at extension 300.

Deadline set for commission applications

ATTENTION! All enlisted Virginia Air National Guardsmen. The CBPO is currently accepting applications for appointment of non-rated officers in the Virginia Air National Guard. To qualify for appointment, individuals must possess the necessary qualifications for applicable positions as outlined in AFR 36-1, in addition to the following general qualifications:

1. Applicants must be less than 35 years old at the time of commissioning as an ANGUS officer.
2. Education - Must have at least 60 semester or 90 quarter hours of college level credits. Exceptionally well qualified ANG airmen who are not college graduates (Bachelors Degree) may be appointed in those fields not requiring a mandatory degree as stipulated in AFR 36-1.
3. Military Experience - For those without a bachelors degree, applicant must have been in the active Armed Forces at least 12 months and have been an airman in the ANG without a break in status for 12 consecutive months immediately prior to application for appointment, or have been an airman in the ANG without a break in status for at least 36 consecutive months immediately prior to application for appointment, and have completed at least 12 consecutive weeks active duty for training.
4. Test Requirements - All applicants will take the AFOQT (Air Force Officer Qualification Test). A minimum score of 05 percentile must be obtained on the verbal composite to be eligible for appointment.
5. Individuals must complete AMS (Academy of Military Science) prior to commissioning.
6. All applicants must agree in writing to remain in the Air National Guard for a minimum of 4 years from date of appointment.

Those individuals interested in being commissioned in the VaANG, are requested to contact either 2Lt Barker or MSG Udriet in the Base CBPO, Ext 309/435, NLT 30 September 1982, for additional information. Applications received after that date will be placed in a "hold" file for consideration at a later date.

192TFG **FAMILY VISITATION DAY**
2 October

Promotions

HEADQUARTERS, VaANG
LTC MODLIN, CECIL E. III

192D CAMRON
SRA EZZELL, SHANO.
AIC LABELLE, RUSSELL C.

192D COMBAT SUPPORT SQUADRON
SRA WILLIAMS, NIKITA J.

192D CIVIL ENGINEERING FLIGHT
SSG BUNCE, STEVEN C.

192D COMMUNICATIONS FLIGHT
AIC MICKENS, ANNETTE L.

The following individuals were enlisted into the Virginia Air National Guard during the month of August.

192D COMBAT SUPPORT SQUADRON
AMN COLLIER, KAY A.

192D CIVIL ENGINEERING FLIGHT
AB FLETCHER, DEBORAH J.

192D TACTICAL CLINIC
SRA WHITTAKER, MARY D.

Tuition assistance

All requests for tuition assistance for the Fall semester/quarter at both four and two year schools must be submitted to The Adjutant General's Office, Attn: VAPA-AO, not later than 13 September 1982. Applications may be obtained from the Base Career Advisor, Ext 318.

New course activated for super grades

ECI recently activated a new USAF Senior NCO Academy Course that will replace Course 00008. The SRNCO Academy Associate Program consists of three courses—00008A, 00008B, and 00008C. The entire program must be completed within 18-months, however, there is no specific time limit for completion of any one course. All enrollments for the SRNCOA program submitted via BLMPs must be input as Course 00008A.

After initial enrollment in and satisfactory completion of course 00008A, subsequent enrollments in courses 00008B and 00008C will be automatic.

There is no VRE for 00008A -- submit the critique answer sheet for the Course Examination. Course 00008B has two VREs and Course 00008C has three VREs which must be completed before the CEs can be forwarded.

SAFETY

Buckle up and watch those children

By MAJ DAVID GOSSETT

A recent article in the Wall Street Journal reported that the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration predicts that traffic deaths will rise to 70,000 a year by 1990 if current trends continue. This projected increase was based on four factors:

- **More drivers
- **More small cars
- **More speeding
- **Low usage of seat belts

The Air Force experienced 160 traffic deaths during 1981. Ten years ago the Air Force had 328 traffic deaths. Through comprehensive traffic safety education programs and the promotion of the value of occupant restraint systems, the Air Force has been able to keep traffic deaths well below national averages.

The American Seat Belt Council states that the use of vehicle seat belts can reduce the chances of serious or fatal injury from an accident by more than 60 percent.

The Air Force has joined the National Safety Council in the "101 Critical Days - Make It Click" campaign which is now in progress. Now is the time to fully support the 192d occupant restraint program.



National Safety Council

The benefits are enormous if your effort saves but one life.

It's September. Perhaps you have noticed an occasional leaf hitting your windshield and thought about the coming of winter. There's another arrival you should remember at this time of year and that's school.

Children will be out on the sidewalks and occasionally the streets-- as they return to their schools after the summer break. Most of them know enough to stay in the crosswalks, but some of them are small and don't respect the power of automobiles as much as their older friends do. And some of them are just plain foolhardy; they like to get in the way and challenge you.

So watch for them as you drive to work on autumn mornings.

Jogging, exercise areas in the making

The U. S. Air Force is stressing total fitness in an effort to make a more viable, effective fighting force. The members of the Virginia Air National Guard must strive for those same goals. In an effort to make this desire a reality, the Rebel Road Runners, with the cooperation of Civil Engineering and volunteers, are developing a fitness trail around the base perimeter. The trail will consist of a jogging path, approximately 1½ miles in length and exercise stations at various points along the path, accommodating a variety of different exercises. The jogging trail and exercise stations work together to provide the education and motivation necessary to keep people exercising regularly and properly. It combines the three essential elements of total fitness - stretching/flexibility, muscle toning, and cardiovascular conditioning - into a balanced exercise routine.

In the coming months, the Rebel Road Runners will perform various fund raising projects in order to

raise the necessary funds to build this project as Guard funds are not available. It is an expensive, time-consuming project, so it may be many months before the trail is complete but the end result will be worth all the effort. A more fit Virginia Air National Guard!



9-level testing

Master Sergeants interested in taking the 9 level Supervisor Examination during the month of Sept. 82 should contact 2Lt Barker, CBFO, Ext. 309, during the Sept. UTA.

Va. Air Guard becomes 'household word'

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join the Air Guard.

"It's a vacation for us," Jacqueline said. "That's why he joined also."

She came from a family with military inclinations. Her four brothers all have had Air Force service; one of them persuaded her to join the Pennsylvania Guard.

"And then I moved to Virginia and talked my husband into it," Jacqueline said.

"I think for couples without children it's a good thing," she said of husband-wife involvement in the Air Guard. "I don't think I could hack it if I had kids."

Other couples with children are "hacking it". Ben Gardner and his wife, Wendy, for instance, both are Guardsmen despite Wendy's frustrated efforts at a smooth basic training.

The first time she entered basic training (1978) at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, she didn't realize she had already become pregnant, Gardner said. She had to discontinue training and resign her enlistment.

Their son is now better than 3 years old. Wendy, a supervisor at the Williamsburg Pottery, decided to enlist in the guard again this year.

"Her primary reason was for the educational benefits and for retirement," her husband said. She made the decision, he said. "All I did was the paperwork -- she recruited herself."

As luck would have it, basic training was full of surprises of another type this time around for the daughter of an Air Force colonel.

Wendy suffered a broken vertebra and two compressed discs on the confidence course at Lackland. Although given the option of dropping out, she insisted on finishing basic training in a body brace, Gardner said.

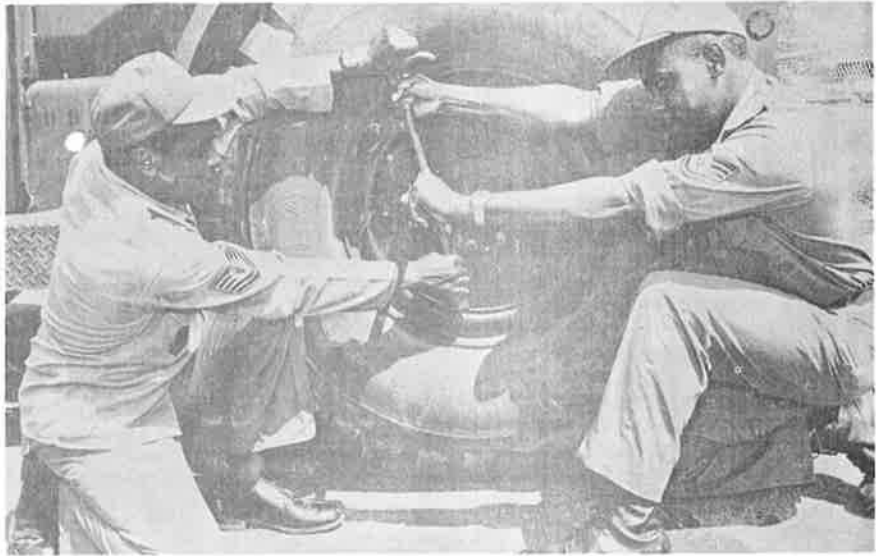
"I don't think we've ever had a recruit as persistent and dedicated as she is," said Gardner, a full-time Air Guard recruiter.

On drill weekends, the Gardners, who live in James City County near Williamsburg, will leave their son with Gardner's mother in the Richmond area.

"It'll be kind of like a weekend vacation every month in a sense," he said.

TSG Alphonso M. "Al" Price spent the eight years from 1968 to 1976 in the Air Force. No way was he ready for any more military.

"After eight years in the Air Force I was sick of it; I just got



Al and Robert Price, both tech sergeants, change tires in the motor pool.

tired of travel and moving around," said the 34-year-old father of three children.

Al's brother, Robert, had joined the Virginia Air Guard three years earlier and liked it. "It's a good part time job," Robert said. "The money is good for what you do."

After a year, Al, who lives in Hampton and works at Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Co., took his brother's advice and enlisted. "I figured I'd try it for a year," he said. "I like it and I've been in ever since."

"This is the only part-time job you can retire from," he said. An added factor is that the monthly trips to the Richmond area give him a chance to see his parents, who live in Ashland.

The presence of two nearly look-alike brothers in the same unit--the motor pool--causes some people to look twice.

"A lot of people that I talk to think they were looking at the same person all that time," Al said.

The Taylors, Gardners and Price brothers are but a few examples of the numerous family relationships in the Virginia Air Guard.

Other close blood and marriage relatives are:

*****Father and son:**

- Maj Major J. Sheffield, pilot; and Sgt Dwight E. Sheffield, personal equipment specialist (see accompanying story).

- CMS Harvey Mahoney, maintenance control; and SSG Michael R. Mahoney, avionics.

- SMS Bobi G. Horner, contracting office; and A1C Mark Horner, avionics.

- SMS Forrest L. Tibbs, motor pool; and SSG Forrest L. Tibbs, Jr., security police.

- Col Richard M. Wray, a dentist; and SSG Edward L. Wray, a supply technician.

- MSG Harold E. Everett, a medical administrative supervisor; and (his stepson) SSG Thomas R. Shumate, a weapons loader.

*****Brother and brother:**

- Andrew Dorish, motor pool; and Francis Dorish, civil engineering.

- Maj Earl P. Norman, Jr., supply; and SMS Ronald F. Norman, CBPO.

- Cpt James W. Welch, a pilot; and Cpt Robert B. Welch, a pilot.

- SSG Ronald N. Hailey, fuels and TSG Roy B. Hailey, fuels.

- Maj William E. Haymes, Jr., a pilot; and TSG Eugene S. Haymes, avionics. (Their father, Brig Gen William E. Haymes, Sr., retired last year.)

- David J. Dyer, engine shop; and Tyrone C.L. Dyer, aircraft maintenance.

*****Husband and wife:**

- TSG James W. Stanley, security police; and TSG Patti L. Stanley, administration.

- Samuel M. Deleo, state headquarters; and Sgt Denise W. Deleo, social actions.

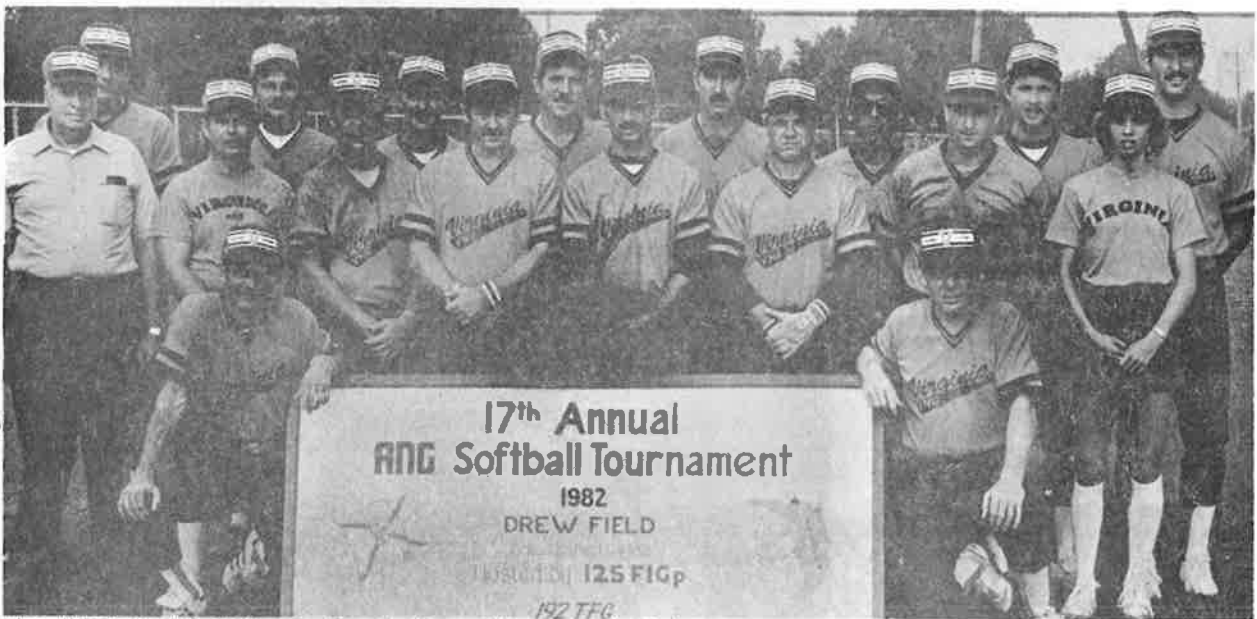
- SSG Reginald Patterson, civil engineering; and Sgt Rita Anderson Patterson, a pharmacy technician.

- SSG Linwood G. Bennett, security police; and Amn Linda S. Bennett, command post.

- TSG Norman Jones, Jr., avionics; and SSG Denise C. Jones, CAMRON.

- SSG Walter A. Henderson, aircraft maintenance; and Sgt Claudett Henderson, aircraft maintenance.

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The Virginia Air National Guard "travelling squad" members who participated in the 17th annual ANG Softball Tournament are, from left, (kneeling) Leonard K. Kirsh Jr. and Gary A. Wood; (front row) Melvin O. Sirles, Basil H. Evans Jr., Forence W. Locklear, Clyde L. Osborne, David M. George, Donald G. Duke, David L. Hampton and Kimberly P. Evans; (back row) Raymond W. McGhee Jr., William W. Lund, Robert N. Lamb Jr., Charles R. Sparks, Robert L. Weis, Edward R. Smith, Dennis L. Hendricks and Kevin G. Peterson.

Softball whizzes finish 2-2 in ANG tourney

It was hot and muggy and winding up in 16th place isn't exactly what you call a winner, but Virginia's 192TFG softball team left its mark in the 17th annual ANG softball tournament held recently in Jacksonville, FL. Despite the 2-2 finish, the team's enthusiasm and hustle along with the fine showing against tourney winner, Delaware, were definite crowd pleasers.

In the opener, Tiny Lund scattered five hits while outstanding defensive play provided a 3-1 squeaker over Maine. The other victory came on Lund's six hit pitching as first baseman Bobby Weis supplied the muscle in the 2-0 shutout of Indiana. In the 2-1 Delaware loss, a number of outstanding defensive plays silenced the big Mud Hens' bats which ear-

lier had gone unchecked.

Tourney notes: Ninety Air National Guard teams participated in the two day event hosted by the 125th Fighter Interceptor Group... Heavy fog delayed the opener...airlift to next year's affair would prevent fatigue caused by 13 hour drive...Weis went 6-10 including 2 triples, drew four walks.

Flag football coach seeks 'superman'

By SSG ED KELLEHER

If you weigh about 170 pounds, run the 100-yard dash in 9.5 seconds and have hands quicker than Bruce Lee, TSG Sam Meador is looking for you.

Sgt Meador, a flightline mechanic for the past 11 years, is coach of The American Legion Varina Post 233 entry in the nine-team Henrico County Flag Football League. The team started its season this week, but still has room for two players.

About half of the players on the 20-man roster team from the Virginia Air National Guard, said Sgt Meador, who coached the team under different sponsorship for the past three years.

"I need two more guys," he said. "I need a rusher—someone who's small, weighs about 170 pounds and runs the hundred in about 9.5—and a right tackle..., but if you can

find me a rusher I can make do with the tackle I've got."

The American Legion team is an offshoot of a VaANG-sponsored team that played in the Henrico league in the 1977-78 season. Holdovers from that team—Meador, TSG Rick Lewis, MSG Bob Weis, Sgt Butch Osborne and others—have played on successive squads, one of which advanced to statewide playoffs.

The Post 233 team plays a schedule that includes 13 regular season games in 11 weeks, five games in a mid-season Richmond areawide tournament and four playoff matches.

Last year the team, sponsored by Rosa's Pizza, went 11-2 in regular season, 5-0 in the mid-season tourney and 4-1 in the playoffs, Sgt Meador said.

More information about the flag-football team may be obtained by calling Sgt Meador at 222-8884, Ext 240.

Fun run Saturday

The Rebel Road Runners held their first 2-mile fun run-walk, Saturday August UTA as 14 enthusiastic runners braved the heat to participate in this premiere event. All participants anxiously awaited the start, and as the command "Go" was given, it was evident there were some well trained runners present. A race between a few front runners soon developed while the rest of the pack jogged at their own pace. The five top finishers in order were SSG John Foege, TSG Dave Beck, SSG Ed Kelleher, TSG David Gay, and MAJ William Prosize. All participants finished the run-walk with such enthusiasm that it was decided to hold a similar event each Saturday UTA. Everyone, male and female, is invited to participate. So bring a towel, gym shorts, and comfortable shoes and meet in front of the O&T Building, Saturday, 11 September, at 1720 hours. Join the